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Please add the following new paragraph after the “TITLE OF THE INVENTION” paragraph on page 1, lines 1-3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

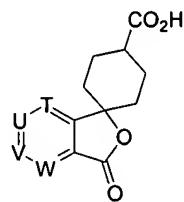
This application is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/015051, filed May 14, 2004, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/471,680, filed May 19, 2003.

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Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a process for making spirolactone compounds of general formula I, having an improved IA/IB ratio[, according to the following shceme].



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